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A copy of each foreign listed document is attached. Also attached is a European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on June 3, 2004, in a counterpart foreign application. The European Search Report cites five of the references which are listed on PTO Form 1449. A copy of the European Search Report, and references cited therein, are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The relevance of the non-English language documents can be understood from the Figures and attached English language abstracts.

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